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MAILING OR FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

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Appln. No.: 09/586,557

Title Heirarchial Dependability For Open  
Distributed Environments

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, for the above-identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

1. Prosecution on this application being closed (under either appeal, final action, notice of allowance, or other prosecution closing action), this request is being submitted prior to the earliest of:

- i. ☐ Abandonment of the application.
- ii. ☒ Payment of issue fee, or  
☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313 has been granted.
- iii. ☐ Filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §1.313, or commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.
- iv. ☐ A decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences (this RCE is to be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application) - A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this RCE is being filed.

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2. Enclosed herewith is/are:
- i. ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) months.
  - ii. ☐ Please do not enter the previously unentered Amendment. Instead please enter:
    - ☐ the enclosed Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ☐ the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.
    - ☐ correspondence re correction of inventorship if required.
  - iii. ☐ Please enter the previously unentered Amendment previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_. A copy ☐ is or ☐ is not provided herein.
  - iv. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. §1.98) with PTO-1449 and nineteen (19) references.
  - v. ☐ New arguments or new evidence in support of patentability.
  - vi. ☒ Other: Please acknowledge receipt of IDS submitted on May 31, 2000

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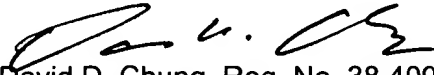
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